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Thaddeus Crapster's Log House

Woodbine

Private

early nineteenth century

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-104  
District 4

MAGI # 1401045304

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Thaddeus Crapster's Log House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 94, Ellicott Road

CITY, TOWN

Woodbine,

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. James Heckman

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 94

CITY, TOWN

Woodbine, Maryland

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records

Liber #: 671

Tax Map 13 p.256 Folio #: 250

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**HO-104  
District 4**CONDITION**☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Thaddeus Crapster Log House faces west on the east side of Route 94, five miles south of Route 144 at Lisbon. It sits back from the road some two tenths of a mile behind a large corn field, with woods on its south and east. It is a three bay wide, one room deep, one and a half story high gabled roof (running north-south) log house, set on a stone foundation with a central dormer window holding a rectangular, double hung window with six-over-six lights, on its west elevation.

A central rectangular, paneled west entrance is flanked by rectangular double-hung windows with six-over-six lights and covered by a gabled, shake roof, portico held by two log beams.

The north elevation holds a wooden rectangular entrance door with square windows above. The rectangular north entrance is located east of center, while the gable roof on this elevation is entirely composed of rectangular and triangular glass panels, two of which are small square sliding, windows. A small brick patio is located on this elevation. The east elevation holds a first floor window on the north side and a central cellar door.

The south elevation features a rectangular six-over-six light central first floor window and a double window above inset into a shingled A frame.

This entire building has been completely restored and renovated and is now composed of one large room downstairs whose south wall contains a modern kitchen area. A bed room lies above. The hand hewn, log beams have been exposed on both the interior and exterior of the house. This exposure creates a charming interior. The underside of the main joists of the house are covered with bark while the facing side is smooth. An interlocking dovetail was used to join the logs, which were put together with no nails. This log house is an outstanding example of restoration and how such work creates a charming unique residence as well as the preservation of a local historic land mark.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Local History

**SPECIFIC DATES** early nineteenth century **BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Thaddeus Crapster Log House is significant architecturally and historically.

Architecturally it is noteworthy as a well-constructed log house, which has just been restored by its present owners, Mr. and Mrs. James Heckman. Both the interior and exterior facing of the hand hewn logs have been exposed and new plaster has covered the stone and mud like filling used as chinking between the logs on both the exterior and interior. Modern plumbing has been installed where only a sink once stood.

According to local residents of this area this log cabin stood long before it was used by Thaddeus Crapster as his home from the late nineteenth century well into the twentieth. He was notable as a local historian who delighted in writing down his findings. He collected antiques as well. His papers and house were ransacked by vandals and much of his research disorganized. These papers are now in the hands of his daughter Mary of Baltimore, Maryland.

Noteworthy as part of a large land grant called "Big Meadow" once belonging to the Ellicott House on Route 94, now known as Rockland Farm, this old log house should be placed on the Natural Register of Historic Places as a fine example of a log dwelling used today as a modern private residence.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

N.R. Field Sheet, Maryland Historical Trust. 7/20/70  
Interview with Mr. James Heckman, August 28, 1978  
Interview with Mrs. Mary Slagle, August 28, 1978.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 7.00 Acres Tax Map 13 p.256

Please see Attachment I Tax Map 13

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records Liber 671 Folio 250

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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(Dec. 1968)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

N. R. FIELD SHEET

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST  
BOX 1704  
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM  
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Thaddens Crapster, log building house
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:			
STATE MD		CODE	COUNTY: Howard
			COOE

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition:	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
			No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Thaddens Crapster			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE: MD	COOE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Gas Howard Co.			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Edelcoot City		STATE: MD	COOE

ACREAGE

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY:			
Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	COOE

STATE:

COUNTY:

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ENTRY NUMBER  
DATE

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The log dwelling of Thaddens Crayster sits some distance E. of Road on a large expanse of tilled acreage.

Of one and one half storey height the building possesses an A frame roof the ridge of which runs north to south. At the W. elevation is a centered door flanked by a single window to each side. Directly above the door is a single peaked dormer.

There is an exterior chimney at the N.E. end and a small A roofed farm porch shelters the front door.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Humon-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itorian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)



## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <i>Riviera</i>		DATE <i>3/71</i>
ORGANIZATION <i>MIT</i>		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Thaddaus Crapster log house  
Ellicott Rd.

Rte 94, Mt Airy

located by MOB  
7/20/70

no details!

for Map # 13

Thaddaus Crapster

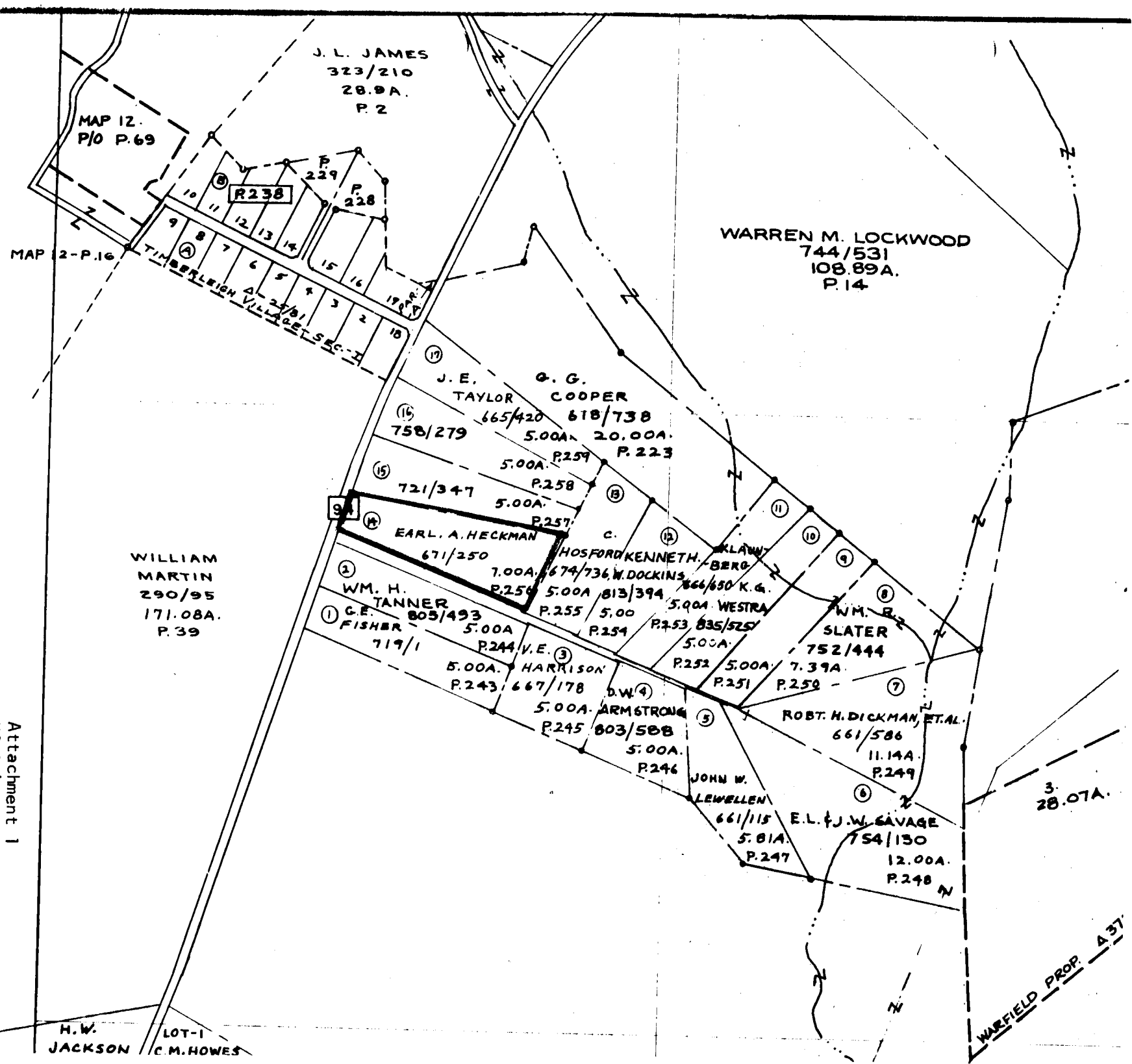
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Attachment 1  
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Thaddeus Crapster's Log House  
Tax Map 13



Attachment 2

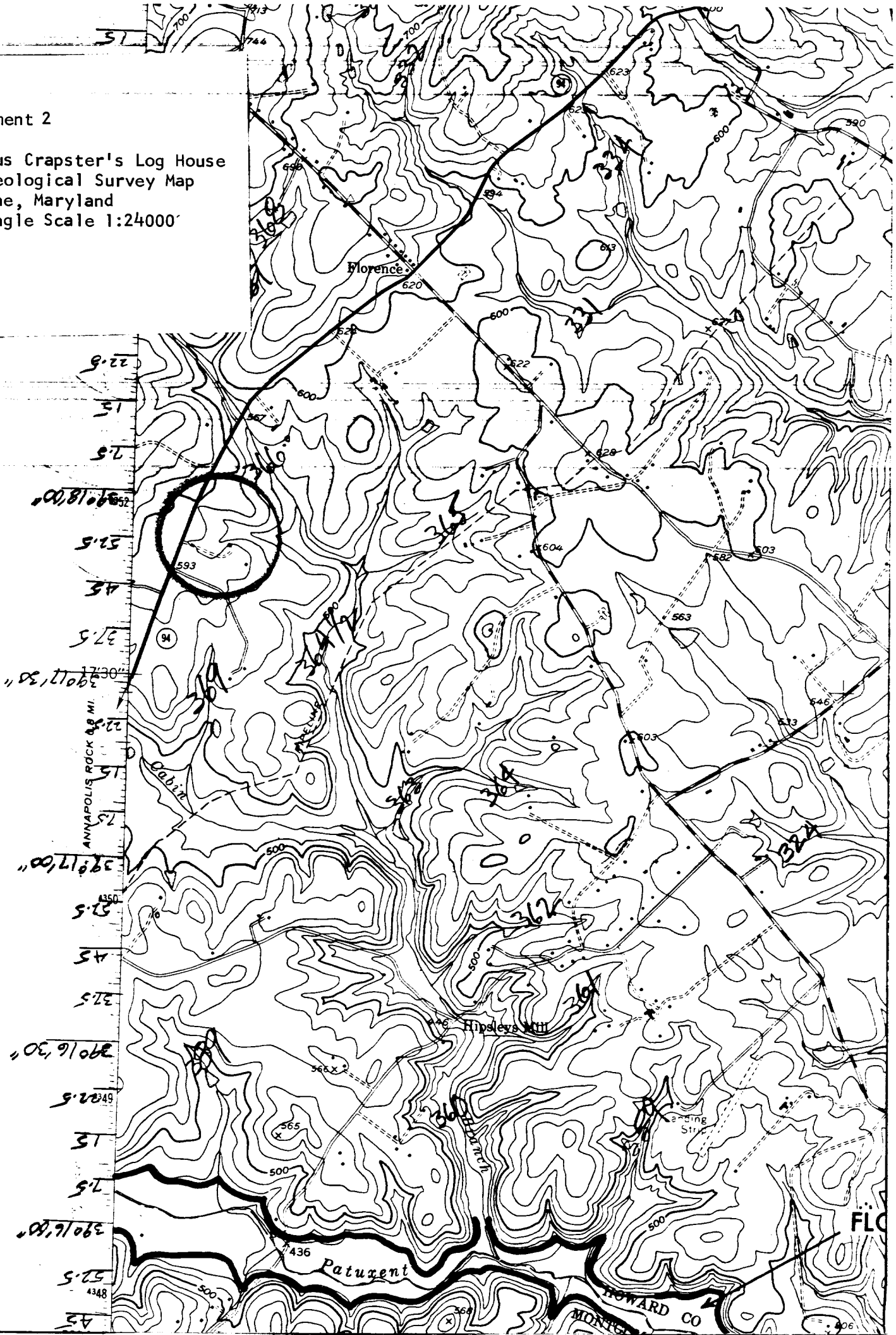
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Thaddeus Crapster's Log House

U.S. Geological Survey Map

Woodbine, Maryland

Quadrangle Scale 1:24000





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THADDEUS CRADSTER'S LOG HOUSE  
S.WEST

CHEORA THOMPSON, AID  
AUGUST - 1978